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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg announced the federal Grand Jury for the District of Nebraska has returned 22 indictments charging 24 defendants. Indictments are charging documents that contain one or more individual counts that are merely accusations, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. If you need additional information on any of the following indictments, please telephone Deborah R. Gilg, or in her absence, Criminal Chief, Jan Sharp, at (402) 661-3700.

* **Marcos Acosta-Avredondo**, age 31, of Omaha, is charged in a two count indictment.

Count I alleges that on or about December 2, 2009, the defendant distributed 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. Count II alleges that on or about December 2, 2009, the defendant possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 4 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

- * **Andres Beltran-Rivera**, age 44, is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or about December 17, 2009, after being deported following conviction for an aggravated felony. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Felix De la Cruz-Hinojosa**, age 49, is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or about January 7, 2010, after being deported following conviction for an aggravated felony. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Miguel Delgado-Hernandez**, age 38, is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or about January 7, 2010, after being deported following conviction for an aggravated felony. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Ivan Diaz-Rodriguez**, age 29, of Omaha, is charged with conspiring with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, from an unknown date but at least as early as January, 2008, and continuing through September 23, 2009. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 4 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

- * **Taylor Reid Grant**, age 23, of Macy, Nebraska, is charged with assault causing serious bodily harm on or about September 12, 2009. The maximum penalty includes imprisonment of 10 years, a fine of \$250,000, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100.
- * **Robynn Hebda**, age 28, of Omaha, is charged in a three count indictment. Count I alleges that from an unknown date but at least as early as January, 2008, and continuing through September 23, 2009, the defendant conspired with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 4 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. Counts II and III allege that on or about July 14, 2009, and August 4, 2009, the defendant distributed less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty for Counts II and III each include imprisonment of up to 20 years, a \$1 million fine, a 3 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Robert E. Helm**, age 46, of Bountiful, Utah, is charged with possession with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine on or about September 26, 2009. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Juan Lopez-Gabriel**, age 30, is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or about September 26, 2009, after being deported following conviction for an aggravated

felony. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

- * **Juan Pedro Molina-Gonzalez**, age 48, is charged in a six-count indictment. Counts I through III of the indictment allege Molina-Gonzalez used a fraudulent Resident Alien Card and Social Security Card, on or about September 20, 2009; March 13, 2007; and May 5, 2006; to gain employment. The maximum possible penalty for each count, includes imprisonment of 10 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Counts IV through VI of the indictment charge Molina-Gonzalez with using a false Social Security Number on or about September 20, 2009; March 13, 2007; and May 5, 2006; for purposes of obtaining benefits to which he is not entitled. The maximum possible penalty for these counts includes imprisonment of 5 years, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Grace Morales**, age 31, of Valley, Nebraska, and **Eduardo Morales-Nunez**, age 34, of Omaha, are charged in an eight count indictment. Count I alleges that from an unknown date but at least as early as January, 2008, and continuing through September 23, 2009, the defendants conspired with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 10 years to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. Count II alleges that on or about July 8, 2009, Grace Morales distributed less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount

methamphetamine. Count III alleges that on or about July 14, 2009, Edward Morales-Nunez distributed less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount methamphetamine. Count IV alleges that on or about July 20, 2009, Grace Morales and Eduardo Morales-Nunez distributed less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount methamphetamine. Count V alleges that on or about August 5, 2009, Eduardo Morales-Nunez distributed less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount methamphetamine. Count VI alleges that on or about August 7, 2009, Grace Morales distributed less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty for Counts II through VI each include imprisonment of up to 20 years, a \$1 million fine, a 3 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. Count VII alleges that on or about January 14, 2010, Grace Morales possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 4 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. Count VIII alleges that as a result of the drug offense charged in Count I, any and all property used or intended to be used by Eduardo Morales-Nunez to commit and to facilitate the commission of the drug offense alleged in Count I, to include, but not limited to real property described as,

Lot One-Thirty Five (135), Block Zero (0) Karen Addition to the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, subject to restrictions, reservations, easement, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any, shall be forfeited to the United States.

- * **Jesus Negrette-Mora**, also known as Jesus Mora or Juan Villa-Villa, age 19, and **Juan Ramirez-Rey**, also known as Cesar Lopez-Torres, age 28, are charged in Count I of an Indictment with possession of a firearm by an illegal alien on or about November 8, 2009. The penalty for this count includes imprisonment of 10 years, a fine of \$250,000, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100. In Count II of the Indictment, Ramirez-Rey is also charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or about November 8, 2009. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Andrew Parker**, age 23, of Omaha, is charged with escape from custody in Western Correctional Alternatives, Hastings, Nebraska, on or about October 1, 2009. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Reginald L. Pettis**, age 27, of Omaha, is charged in a one-count indictment. Pettis is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm on or about October 3, 2009. Pettis was convicted of possession of cocaine with intent to deliver in 2005. The maximum penalty for this count includes imprisonment of 10 years, a fine of \$250,000, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100.
- * **Travell T. Richard**, age 20, of Omaha, is charged in a one-count indictment. Richard is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm on or about August 13, 2009. Richard was convicted of first degree assault and use of a weapon to commit a felony in

2007. The maximum penalty for this count includes imprisonment of 10 years, a fine of \$250,000, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100.

- * **Alicia Rodriguez**, age 22, of Omaha, is charged in a two count indictment. Count I alleges that from an unknown date but at least as early as January, 2008, and continuing through September 23, 2009, the defendant conspired with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 4 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. Count II alleges that on or about August 4, 2009, the defendant distributed less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of up to 20 years, a \$1 million fine, a 3 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

- * **Christian Rodriguez-Banderas**, age 20, of Omaha, is charged in a four count indictment. Count I alleges that from an unknown date but at least as early as January, 2008, and continuing through September 23, 2009, the defendant conspired with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 4 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. Counts II, III, and IV allege that on or about August 10, 2009, August 26, 2009, and September 9, 2009, the defendant distributed less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable

amount methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty for Counts II, III, and IV each include imprisonment of up to 20 years, a \$1 million fine, a 3 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

- * **Floriberta Ruiz-Lira**, age 34, is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or about September 21, 2009, after being deported following conviction for an aggravated felony. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Jose Manuel Samaniego-Garcia** is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or about January 19, 2010, following deportation as a felon. The maximum possible penalty is imprisonment of up to 10 years, a \$250,000 fine, a 3 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Alberto Sanchez-Garcia**, age 32, is charged in a two-count Indictment. Count I charges Sanchez-Garcia with illegal reentry into the United States on or about December 22, 2009, after being deported following conviction for an aggravated felony. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. In Count II of the Indictment, Sanchez-Garcia is charged with possession of a firearm by an illegal alien on or about December 22, 2009. The penalty for this count includes imprisonment of 10 years, a fine of \$250,000, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100.

- * **James Arnold Thomas**, age 38, of Grand Island, is charged in a four count indictment. Count I alleges that on or about December 12, 2009, the defendant possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 4 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. Count II alleges that or about December 21, 2009, the defendant possessed with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of up to 20 years, a \$1 million fine, a 3 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. Counts III and IV allege that any and all property used or intended to be used by the defendant to commit and to facilitate the commission of the drug offense alleged in Count I, to include, but not limited to the \$1,005 in United States currency seized from a storage unit in Grand Island on December 12, 2009, and the \$2,097 in United States currency seized from the defendant on December 21, 2009, should be forfeited to the United States.
- * **Leonard J. Yankton**, age 33, of Lincoln, is charged with possessing a Hi Point firearm 9mm pistol on or about October 8, 2009, after having been previously convicted of a felony. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment for 10 years, a fine of \$250,000 fine, a 3 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.